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In re Application of Customer Number: 20277

Confirmation Number: 8002 Hideki MORIGUCHI, et al.

Group Art Unit: 4132

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SURFACE-COATED CUTTING TOOL WITH COATED FILM HAVING STRENGTH For:

DISTRIBUTION OF COMPRESSIVE STRESS

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2009, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 17, 2009, reconsideration of the aboveidentified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.